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The Office of Employment and Training (OET) has recently released information on the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) process, formerly known as the Kentucky Employability Certificate. OET is printing certificates for WorkKeys scores in the system up through the end of February. Beyond that point, adult education programs will need to access the Kentucky NCRC website weekly and approve certificates to be printed. The WorkKeys contact in your program will soon receive an e-mail with your username and password.

Questions or concerns about NCRC should be addressed to Joe Paul, program coordinator, NCRC, Office of Employment and Training, at (502) 564-5331 or joseph.paul@ky.gov

KYAE will continue to pay for the assessment and certificate for all KYAE-eligible students. The WorkKeys assessment process will remain the same. Any questions on logging into the assessment should be addressed to ACT WorkKeys assessment technical support at (800) 967-5539.

Free GED testing – FAQs

As announced last month, KYAE will pay the GED test fees for both first-time test takers and those retesting March 15-June 30. This effort is meant to encourage and support adults in earning a GED. Free testing also supports KYAE's efforts to meet the state GED goal of 11,583 for fiscal year 2010-11. KYAE will launch a statewide radio campaign to promote GED attainment and free testing.

Below are FAQs from providers.

- **Are providers required to do any paperwork or tracking for free testing?**

No.

- **Are all students eligible for free testing?**

Yes. All students, including inmates and state agency children, testing March 15-June 30 are eligible for free testing. Even students who ordinarily use a voucher are eligible for free testing.

- **Is there any instance in which testing would not be free?**

Yes. If a student is scheduled to take the test March 15-June 30 and does not show up for the test, the opportunity for a free test has been forfeited. The next time the student is scheduled to test, the \$55 fee will apply. Please make sure students understand this provision.

- **How will KYAE handle testing in jails where the jailer pays a fee for the test session?**

The test center will be reimbursed by KYAE per test taker and will deduct that amount from the fee paid by the jailer.

KET's *Education Matters* explores adult education

If you missed KET's recent *Education Matters* broadcast on adult education, it is now available for viewing at the [KET website](#). The program features Reecie Stagnolia, vice president, KYAE; Cris Crowley, adult education program director in Hopkins and Muhlenberg Counties; Cheryl King, president of Kentucky Wesleyan College and former vice president, KYAE; and James Meyer, a University of Louisville student who earned his GED at the Jefferson County Adult Education program in 2005.

The program also features a video visit to the adult education center in Mason County with interviews with Bill Teegarden, adult education program director.

KYAE web search

At the request of adult educators, KYAE has revised its website search function. Now, you have the option to search only the KYAE website or all ky.gov sites. This will help limit your search results and more quickly locate the resource you need.

7/8 Locator

Programs were recently contacted by their regional program support associate with an opportunity to request the TABE 7/8 Locators and answer sheets. The materials have been ordered and will be distributed soon to programs that requested them.

No pass, no drive clarification

The "no pass, no drive" regulation requires 16- or 17-year-old drop-outs or 16- or 17-year-old students declared academically deficient to surrender their driver's license or not be issued a license. One proof for reinstatement or issuance of a license is a GED passing transcript. Enrollment in an adult education program is not sufficient.

OVAE LD and ESL resources

The Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) has recently posted [*Learning to Achieve: A Professional's Guide to Educating Adults with Learning Disabilities*](#), a free evidence-based resource for educators who work with adults with learning disabilities. This guide can be used as a stand-alone resource or to reinforce and extend professional development.

OVAE has made available an innovative and interactive free professional development network for ESOL practitioners. ELL-U combines online learning activities and collaborative social networking. The website provides registered users with 24-hour self-paced access to learning activities and resources. Online courses, study circles, and training events all use evidence-based instruction and allow for individual exploration, individual or small group reflection, and/or large group discussions. Check it out at <http://www.ell-u.org/>.

LINCS program management resources

In the [*March 2011 LINCS newsletter*](#), the Program Management Collection of resources is featured. Topics include assessment, learning disabilities, program improvement and transitions. Each month the newsletter features one of the three LINCS Resource Collections – Basic Skills, Program Management, and Workforce Competitiveness – and introduces research-based resources for use in adult education and family literacy programs and classrooms.

DOL resources

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has revamped its [*re-employment website*](#), creating a single source for information on jobs, career training, unemployment benefits and food, housing, health care and utility payment assistance. The site is aimed at recently laid-off workers, those who have exhausted their unemployment benefits and those seeking to change careers.

Charting a course in terms of career, education and training is challenging. The DOL's [*"My Next Move"*](#) is an innovative online career research tool that can help. The website has resources for everyone – from students working on their next move into college or career training to experienced professionals mapping out a career option.

The DOL's [*Guide to State and Local Workforce Data*](#) provides links to a wealth of state and local employment and economic data – virtually all free – from government and private sector sources. The publication is designed for a diverse audience, including educators, researchers, employers, trainers and career counselors, who can customize the data for their own use. The education section focuses on workforce preparedness through data on educational attainment, assessment, literacy and credentials.

The College Circuit

Kentuckians planning for postsecondary education will find *The College Circuit*, a booklet published by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), to be a useful resource.

The 36-page booklet is suitable for students ranging in age from middle school to adults. *The College Circuit* includes information about careers, college preparation, student financial aid programs and financial literacy. The booklet shows the steps involved in applying for federal student aid and provides guidance on borrowing student loans. Copies of *The College Circuit* are free. To request copies, please e-mail publications@kheaa.com or use the order form on www.kheaa.com.